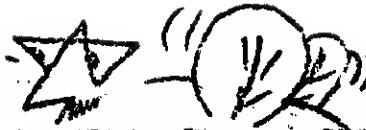


ESORE

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...temporarily incorporating EREHWON, THE DIPLOMAT, and CIRITH UNGOL

ESORE is a temporary, emergency, and obviously very late journal of postal Diplomacy whose sole purpose in life is to add to Walt Buchanan's index of things he has to stock up on and whose other ... um, whose two purposes in life is to add to Walt Buchanan's index of things he has to stock up on and to carry Rod Walker's Diplomacy games yet another season and to... um, whose three purposes in life ... oh, the hell with it.

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EXPLANATION

My ditto machine is somewhat on the fritz. I have got it going enough to get out this much, but it is going to have some more work done on it before I put out much else. Therefore, all my postal Diplomacy games are wrapped up in this one untidy package, which will go to players only, plus Doug Beyerlein, plus anybody else I happen to think wants it (in all probability, nobody).

1974CL



(CIRITH UNGOL)

Spring 1912 (Act I): I am amazed that nobody sent any orders in. Were you confused by the combination with THE DIPLOMAT last time? Anyways, Allan Calhamer has asked to resign from the game. Technically, since I received no "no" votes, Len Lakofka's proposal for a 3-way draw (F-I-R) would appear to have your assent. However, I will leave this open until the next deadline. I will again call for Spring 1912 orders, pending the receipt of any "no" vote on the proposed draw.

Deadline is Friday, 31 December 1976, to allow for the traditionally slow, slow, slow holiday mails and the traditionally molasses-slow Postal Disservice.

1975CY

(EREHWON)

WOPS DIG AT SOFT FROG UNDERBELLY. A.E.I.O.U. HANGS OVER ITALY. SAXONY DEVASTATED BY RUSSO-HUN TRENCH/WARFARE. WHERE ARE LEN AND BRUCE???

Spring 1904: I cannot believe that Len Lakofka missed a deadline; I am having a hard enough time believing Bruce Schlickbernd did. Bruce had a rather vague set of GOs which I managed to dig up. I am not going to call for s/b orders here; I'm sure they are both with us.

AUSTRIA (Watson): F Tri-Adr, A Bud-Tri S by A Vie, A Ven H, F Adr-Apu, A Con S RUSSIAN A Arm-Smy, F Gre H S by A Ser.

ENGLAND (Lakofka?): NMR, F Ska, F Nth /h/.

FRANCE (Schlickbernd?): (By GOs) F Bre-Eng, F Eng-Wal, A Bel MS A Bu: F Iri-Lpl, F Cly-Nrg, A Edi H.

GERMANY (Leeder): A Mun-Ber S by A Kie & F Bal, A Ruh-Mun. John's new address: 1903 SW 42nd Ave., Calgary, Alberta, CANADA (code not known)

ITALY (Payne): F Tyn-Lyo, F Ion-Tyn, A Trl S RUSSIAN A Ber-Mun.

RUSSIA (Ulanov): F StP(sc)-Bot, A Arm-Smy, A Ber-Mun S by A Sil, A Rum /h/, A War-Pru, F Nwy /h/, A Fin S F Nwy, F Ank-Bla.

TURKEY (Gemignani): F Aea-Smy.

(1975 CY)

Fall 1904 orders are due by Friday, 31 December 1976. Mail early!!

1975 IP

(THE DIPLOMAT)

LA SALZA IN SALZBURG! FRANCE GOES POOF! (OU LE PUF!) IN SNEAKY MANEUVERING, THE TURKS SNAG ALBANIA AND ARMENIA. (ARMENIATT?)

Fall 1904: Len Lakofka's miss must be an accident. He never misses. I am not going to request a standby.

Concession proposal: Turkey proposes that the game be conceded at this point to Germany. Votes will be due next time (a "no" from any player with 5 or more units defeats the concession). No vote is counted as a "yes" vote, remember. Victor also proposes that the vote include a voted concession of a tie for second place to Russia/Turkey. My HRS do not provide for this (nor do they disallow it), and after due consideration I am going to limit the vote to the "win" concession. The reason for this is that doing otherwise opens the door to all sorts of voted concessions involving placements of all kinds, and I'm not up to administering the Pandora's Box thus produced.

(In Summer 1904, the AUSTRIAN A Tri R-Ser.)(And RUSSIAN A Ukr R-War.)

AUSTRIA (Key): A Bud S GERMAN A Tri-Tri /nso/, A Ser S A Bud. Owns: Bud, 7½, Ser (2). No change.

ENGLAND (Lakofka?): NMR. F Nrg, F Eng, F Por, A Yor /h/. Owns: Edi, Lpl, Lon, Por (4). No change.

FRANCE (civ.dis.): A Pic /h/. Owns: ¾ (0). OUT.

GERMANY (Scott): F Bal-Swe, A Tri S ITALIAN A Tri /r//Pie, Boh, Mun, d/, A Bre H S by A Gas, A Spa-Por, A Bel H, A Kie-Den, F Hel-Nth S by F Hol. Owns: Ber, Kie, Mun, Den, Hol, Mun, Bel, Par, Spa, Swe (10). Build 1.

ITALY (Weinstock): F Nap-Tyn, F Tun-Wes, A Ven-Tri S by A Tri. Owns: Nap, Rom, Ven, Tun, Tri (5). Build 1.

RUSSIA (Hinton): A Gal H S by A War, A Vie S ITALIAN A Tri, A Mos-Ukr, F Nwy-Swe. Owns: Mos, StP, War, Swe, ¾, Nwy, Vie (6). Build 1 (2nd).

TURKEY (Ricci): A Bul-Alb C by F Aeg & F Ion, F Alb-Adr, F Ska-Arm, A Ukr-Mos, A Rum S AUSTRIAN A Bud. Owns: Ank, Con, Smy, Mui, Gre, Rum, Sev (7). No change.

Winter 1904 adjustments are due on Friday, 31 December 1976. I have 131 lines of press from Elmer Hinton. I believe we will delay that.

1976 BR

(EREHWON)

FROGS, HUNG. MENACE LIMEYS. GRAECO-HUNGARIAN MONARCHY IN DEEP SHIT. WOPS BLOATE. LEAD PACK.

Fall 1902: Trevor Baillie alerts me to a probable address change in the near future. Len Lakofka's miss probably ain't his fault. We'll omit to have a s/b at this point.

(In Summer 1902, the ENGLISH F Nwy R-Ska and the GERMAN A Par R/d/.)

AUSTRIA (Lakofka?): NMR. A Gal /h//d/, F Gre /h/, A Ser /h//d/. Owns: Bud, 7½, Gre, ¾ (2). Build 1 (3/d/).

ENGLAND (Happel): F Nrg /h/, F Ska-Den, F Bel-Ntn S by F Eng, A Yor H. Owns: Edi, Lpl, Lon, ¾, ¾ (3). Disband 2.

FRANCE (Keathley): A Par-Bre, A Gas-Bre, F Mid-Iri, A Mar-Bur. Owns: Bre, Mar, Par, Por, Spa (5). Build 1.

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GERMANY (Baillie): A Mun H, A Bur-Bel S by A Ruh & F Hol, A Den-Swe. Owns: Ber, Kie, Mun, Den, Hol, ~~Wif~~, Bel (6). Build 1 (1/d/).

ITALY (Winter): F Ion-Gre, F Tun-NAf, A Trl-Vie, A Alb-Ser S by A Tri. Owns: Nap, Rom, Ven, Tri, Tun, Ser, Vie (7). Build 2.

RUSSIA (Johnson): A War-Gal S by A Ukr, F Nwy-Swe, A StP-Fin, F Rum-Bla (/r//Sev, d/), A Sev-Arm. Owns: Mos, StP, Sev, War, ~~Kif~~, Swe, Nwy. (6). No change. (Unless F Rum R-/d/, then build 1.)

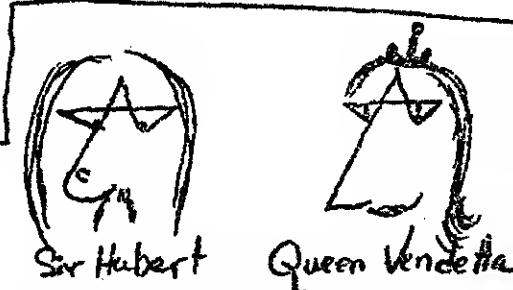
TURKEY (Wan): F Con-Ank, A Arm-Rum C by F Bla & S by A Bul. Owns: Ank, Con, Smy, Bul, Rum (5). Build 1.

Winter 1902 adjustments are due on Friday, 31 December 1976.

Paris: Once was a hermit named Dave--
Took a dead GM to his cave.
So it began to swell,
And started to smell,
But think of the money he'd save!

Barad-Crest: Womit...

1976EP
(ERHWON)



THRONES TOTTER IN THE FIRST YEAR, ALREADY. RUSSO-TURK NAVAL TILT GOING FULL STEAM ON PONTUS EUXINUS. OR SOMEWHERE LIKE THAT.

Spring 1901: Yep, I paid my buck and Doug Beyerlein came across with a Boardman Number. Now, lessee.... Two sets of missing orders? I don't believe it, hardly. Well... Stand-by orders are hereby requested as follows:

GERMANY: William McCullam, Fairmount Rd., Newbury OH 44065.

ITALY: Peggy Gemignani, 3200 NE 36th St., #907, Ft.Lauderdale FL 333 See Note on Standbys, below.

AUSTRIA (Ameling): A Bud-Ser, A Vie-Trl, F Tri-Aib.

ENGLAND (Hinton): F Edi-Nrg, F Lon-Nth, A Lpl-Yer.

FRANCE (Fabry): F Bre-Mid, A Mar-Spa, A Par-Bur.

GERMANY (Braunagel?)(per HR 12c): A Ber-Kie, A Mun-Ruh, F Kie-Hol.

ITALY (Sheneman?)(per HR 12c): F Nap-Ion, A Rom H, A Ven H.

RUSSIA (Nyderer): A Mos-Ukr, A War-Gal, F StP-Bot, F Sev-Bla.

TURKEY (McNally): F Ank-Bla, A Con-Bul, A Smy-Con.

Fall 1901 orders are due on Friday, 31 December 1976.

DOVER (18 February 1901): Sir Hubert Humble, knight errant to Her Queenship, with the aid of his trusted servant Wilberforce, mounted a tall white charger and raced off in search of excitement and adventure. He lifted an arm and uttered a fierce war cry.

Wilberforce mumbled, "Must've caught his mustache in the visor again.

It had all happened so quickly. Sir Hubert had been called to the palace where the Queen's advisor met him and gave him the clues that would start another quest. "There are rumors," the advisor said, "of a hoard of wealth, well guarded, near the Tyrol or Bavaria, which holds the key to control of central Europe. These objects of importance include a very ancient book of magic, a map of secret passages beneath the continent, an a Golden Pole, said to command obedience from everyone. You must find these things for your Queen. Go at once."

With that Sir Hubert left, riding swiftly to the coast, over hills, through towns. He moved relentless onward toward the Dutch coast. Over the field he rode the charger, gathered speed, and leapt sailing gracefull through the air, over the edge, and into the North Sea.

(1976EP)

LONDON (18 February 1901) (via San Diego): "Has he gone?" asked the cold, beautiful voice from the Throne.

"Yes, Majesty."

"Excellent. You have done well, Meliadus. We will see that you are handsomely rewarded when Sir Hubert returns with the powerful trinkets we sent him after."

"Is there no danger he will use the Pole?"

"None. Only a powerful will, versed in the art and the spells of command, can turn and wield the Pole. ...And speaking of will, it is Our desire that the stubborn Victoria be replaced soon with her more tractable son Edward."

"That can easily be done, Majesty."

"See to it. Meanwhile, tell me more of this Londres. It seems very different from our own...."

NOTE ON STANDBYS

In EREHWON, I am going to work my s/b players on a single rotating list. That way, everyone has an equal chance at a slot. When I need a standby I will start at the top of the list, taking the first name which has not been used before and is not already in the game. Once each name on the list has been used once, I will go to the top and start again. New names will be added to the bottom of the rotation list.

There is, by the way, nothing in my HRs which prevents a player from playing two or more positions in the same game, so long as he does not do so simultaneously. However, I will not put a player into a game he has already been in once unless he is the only name left on that cycle of rotation.

By lot, the cycle of rotation for players on my current list is established as follows: McCullum, Gemignani, Payne, Hessel, Hinton, Wan, Nyderek. A player is considered to have been "used" when he actually takes over a position in a game as a replacement.

WELL...MORE 1976EP PRESS:

GASTRITIS, PODERKAGG (18 February 1901): Looking up from Her crystal ball, Queen Vendetta casually changed one of Her breakfast muffins into a lump of smoking lava, buttered it, and consumed it with evident relish. "I see," She remarked to Her spouse, "that the One who abides in Buckingham Palace is sending an emissary for the Casque of Nyarlathotep."

"Oh?" asked King Pandemonium V, trying to feign interest.

"It is one whose bumbling efforts to reach the Casque cannot possibly succeed, and yet.... Well, We shall have to see that he fails for sure. Are you not against this Evil, Pandy?"

"Oh...well, is a bear a Catholic? Does the Pope...."

"It's the other way around, dear."

"Um. Hmph...I thought it was a funny place to put a privy...."

"Speaking of Her Holiness, We believe We will consult with Pope Joan on this. She is at Her palace in Sicily at the moment. We have delayed the apparently half-witted minion of Buckingham by having him take passage on a potato barge headed for Ireland (talk about coals being carried to Newcastle!). However, that is only temporary... Um, what are you planning to do, dear?"

"Motoring down to Hernia, m'dear, and going hunting with Duke Nose-beard. Gryphon, most likely, or hippogriffs, or eunuchorn."

"Eunuchorn? I thought that was 'unicorn'."

"Not when they're gelded."

"Oyyyyy."